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1. DURING MEETING WITH FONOFF CONSULAR SECTION DEPUTY CHIEF (CERVENKA) CONOFF ASKED WHETHER DECISION YET REACHED ON DIVIDED FAMILIES. CERVENKA REPLIED HIS WORK COMPLETED (REFTEL) AND THAT MATTER, AND ITS POTENTIAL POLITICAL IMPACT ON SIMILAR INSTANCES INVOLVING FAMILIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, NOW IN FONMIN CHNOUPEK'S OFFICE. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PROBABLY WOULD COME FROM CHNOUPEK HIMSELF, CERVENKA SAID.

2. ASKED WHETHER HE HAD FOUND INSTANCES DURING HIS INVESTIGATION OF PERSONS ON LIST WHO DIDN'T WANT TO EMIGRATE, CERVENKA REPLIED NO BUT INDICATED THAT IN SOME CASES THERE WAS NO RECORD OF WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR EXIT PERMIT/EMIGRATION PASSPORT. CONCEDED THAT INQUIRIES ON EMIGRATION POSSIBILITIES, ESPECIALLY BY GRANDPARENTS AS GUARDIANS OF YOUNG CHILDREN, AND REFUSALS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO CONSIDER INQUIRIES MAY HAVE BEEN HANDLED ORALLY, CERVENKA STATED THAT BASIC QUESTION WAS NOW THAT (NOT WHETHER) THESE PEOPLE EMIGRATE, NOT WHETHER WRITTEN APPLICATIONS WERE MADE.

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3. IN STRONG INDICATION HOW MATTER WILL BE RESOLVED,

CERVENKA SAID QTE THOSE PEOPLE WHO DID APPLY AND WERE REFUSED
WILL APPLY AGAIN; THOSE WHO DIDN'T MAKE WRITTEN APPLICATION
WILL BE TOLD TO DO SO. THAT IS NO PROBLEM UNQTE. WHEN
ASKED, CERVENKA SAID HE UNABLE INDICATE WHEN CHOUPEK WOULD
ANNOUNCE DECISION.
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